

JUDGE DONOVAN'S TENTATIVE RULING PROCEDURE

The judge issues tentative rulings whenever possible and appropriate prior to the scheduled hearing date. Tentatives are available via the court's webPACER service. Please do not call chambers to inquire if no tentative has been posted.

In most situations where tentative rulings are issued, an appearance is not required, but any party not in agreement with the tentative ruling may request a hearing at the scheduled time by telephoning Judge Donovan's law clerk Alison Fleisher the day before the hearing. If a hearing is requested, that party should notify all other interested parties of its intent to appear at the hearing.

If the judge issues a tentative ruling in an uncontested matter and excuses the movant's appearance, but a party appears in court to contest the motion, the judge will listen briefly and either allow the tentative ruling to stand or continue the hearing to allow the absent parties to be heard. If the hearing is continued, the courtroom deputy, Pat Pennington, will call the moving party with the date and time of the continued hearing.

The moving party must lodge a proposed order that conforms to the judge's tentative ruling, accompanied by a notice of entry, the appropriate number of copies of the proposed order, and addressed, stamped envelopes bearing the names and addresses of those who are to receive a copy of the signed, entered order.

You may deposit the proposed order and notice of entry, along with all the copies and envelopes, in the courtroom or in the judge's courtesy copy box located outside of chambers on the day of the hearing. All proposed orders submitted after the hearing date must be lodged at the filing window.

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